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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted in compliance with the timing requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), i.e., prior to a First Office Action on the merits.

Attached are copies of four Japanese patent publications and one Japanese-language PCT publication, which were cited in related co-pending application No. 10/697,315, from which any relevance of the documents may be gleaned. Any further relevance of these publications can be gleaned from the attached English-language Abstracts. The publications are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Also listed on the Form PTO-1449 for consideration are two U.S. patents, which were also cited in related co-pending application No. 10/697,315. Any relevance of these U.S. patents is self-evident.

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Consideration of the listed documents is respectfully requested.

Should any fees be required, please charge the same to our deposit account No. 18-0002, and notify us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,



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